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Dear Governor Brewer,

We are writing on behalf of the Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) which represents seven Area Agencies on Aging, to thank you for your leadership with your Medicaid Plan. We believe that this proposal is cost effective and brings resources to Arizona to be invested in the local economy resulting in hundreds of good paying healthcare jobs and increases employment in other businesses that support the health care industry.

The Arizona voters have already voted twice to expand Medicaid coverage so the political will is there to support your vision. By securing the federal funds it will lessen the burden that is already passed along to Arizona families in increased premiums that is estimated at nearly two thousand dollars to per family, per year. This will keep costs down.

We also agree with you that the hospital assessment, which is part of the plan will eventually relieve the general fund of the matching requirement expenses thus saving further taxpayer dollars. The expansion will also save our rural hospitals which are critical to the health of our communities and our state.

While the plan is a sound and wise economic decision, it will also provide needed medical coverage to thousands of residents through the state, further reducing inappropriate use of hospital emergency room services and improve the health status of our residents.

Thank you for your leadership and your vision with your Medicaid plan, we fully support your efforts.

Sincerely,

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